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Social Studies Skill—Reading a Map From our Social Studies links page, choose the 3rd link: Houghton Mifflin—Choose your Book—Great Activities. Choose United States History: Early Years and then choose Interactive Maps

The United States, 1500 (Click "Show All" in the map key.)

1. Find the Omaha and the Erie on the map. Complete the chart below to tell what kind of vegetation and landform regions existed where these people lived.

Native American Group	Landform Region	Kind of Vegetation
Omaha		
Erie		

2. Which one of the three types of vegetation covers most of the land in North America?

Exploration of North America, 1492-1700 (Click "Show All" in the map key.)

3. This map shows the routes of early European explorers who came to North America. Covering such vast areas, these explorations took time.

How many years passed between the first and the last of these explorations? _____

4. Explorers often followed rivers into the interior of North America as they searched for a route across the country. Name three rivers that were important to the explorers on this map. _____, _____, and _____

5. Who explored the land that is now *Georgia* in 1539? _____

Triangular Trade Routes (Click "Show All" in the map key.)

6. The map shows trade between nations in the 1600s and 1700s. What products were traded from the West Indies to the thirteen colonies? _____, _____, and _____

7. Where did the colonists of North America ship goods? _____, _____, and _____

8. Use the map to help you complete the chart below.

Products from Thirteen Colonies	Products from England and Europe	Products from Africa	Products from the West Indies
		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Revolutionary War Battles, 1775-1778 (Click "Show All" in the map key.)

9 Click on the Battle of Saratoga in the map Legend. From which city did **General Gates** march his troops to reach Saratoga? _____

10. How many American victories are shown on the map? _____

How many British victories are shown? _____

Westward Expansion (Click "Show All" in the map key.)

11. The map shows United States growth throughout the 1800s. Which river forms the eastern border of the Louisiana Purchase? _____

12. **Shrink the map legend** to see which major cities existed in 1850 on land gained through the Mexican Cession. _____ and _____

13. Which **direction** would you travel to get from Chicago to Kansas City? (Use the map rose.)

The Underground Railroad (Click "Show All" in the map key.)

14. Name three places outside of the United States where the routes end.

_____, _____, and _____

15. The shortest routes for a person escaping slavery in Florida or Georgia would have taken him or her to _____ or the _____.

16. A person escaping from Charleston, South Carolina, to Montreal, Canada might have traveled through these cities: _____,

_____, _____,

_____, _____, and

_____.

Population Density of the United States in 2000

17. This map shows that the population of the United States is not spread evenly across the whole nation. Which state has the lowest population density? _____

18. What city on Lake Michigan has the largest area of dense population? _____

19. What direction would you travel from Phoenix to reach Denver? _____